

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 3-4 are now pending in this application, claims 1-2 having been cancelled by the present Amendment. Claims 1-4 were rejected.

Claim Rejection- 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over **Mizoguchi** (USP 5,841,466, previously cited) in view of **Iwasa et al.** (WO 02/42890, previously cited). For the reasons set forth in detail below, this rejection, to the extent it applies to the current claims, is respectfully traversed.

The **Mizoguchi** reference teaches an optical visualizing apparatus provided with an image input switch SW to allow an external image source to supply images to the apparatus. When power supply is turned on, it is determined whether a password is registered or not. In the case of a password being registered, a message "Input the password" is displayed, and the inputted password is compared with the registered password. If both the passwords match, the image input switch SW is turned on, thereby to supply images to the optical visualizing apparatus.

The **Iwasa et al.** reference teaches that when power is turned on to the PC 1, it is checked whether a portable information apparatus 3 having a recognition ID is located nearby. If not, it is kept monitored whether a portable information apparatus 3 is positioned nearby. When a portable information apparatus 3 comes into communication range, a wireless link is formed and

the identification information is exchanged, and then a password entry screen is displayed on the PC 1.

When the user enters the password from the portable information apparatus 3 in accordance with the message on the password entry screen, it is checked whether the password matches the preregistered one. If both the passwords match, the OS is started up, bringing the PC 1 into normal available state.

When the user leaves his desk with the OS left in an operating condition, and the portable information apparatus 3 goes outside the communication range of the PC 1, the input devices, such as the keyboard, mouse, etc., are locked to prohibit the use thereof, and then power save mode is effected.

In the power save mode, where the input devices, such as the keyboard, mouse, etc., are locked, when the user returns to the desk and depresses the resume button, it is checked whether the portable information apparatus 3 is located nearby. If the portable information apparatus 3 is nearby, the PC 1 is restored from the power save mode, and the password entry screen is displayed on the PC 1. In response to the correct password entered from the portable information apparatus 3, the lock state of the input devices, such as the keyboard, mouse, etc., is released, restoring the OS to the previous state. If an incorrect password is entered a predetermined number of times, the input devices, such as the keyboard, mouse, etc., are brought into the lock state, that is, the power save state.

Claims 3 and 4, as amended, recite “allowing operation of the liquid crystal projector by the external computer”, and “nullifying operation of keys of the operation means (the operation

unit)” (to inhibit operation from the liquid crystal projector) “in response to the means for comparing (circuit for comparing) indicating that both the registered password and the password received from the external computer [PC 100] coincide with each other.” [Emphasis added]. It is submitted that neither **Mizoguchi** nor **Iwasa et al.**, whether taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest these features.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 3 and 4 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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